

There is a theory that the advance of population, building of railroads, etc., in the far West is attended by a gradual increase of the much-needed rainfall. Those interested in the truth of the proposition will be disappointed to learn that there are no scientific facts to sustain it. Professor Cleveland Abbe, in the *Forum*, asserts that the study of the known 'phenomena has failed to establish that there has been any sensible change in the climate at any point of the earth's surface during the past 2000 years.'¹⁷

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with many iron rivets. These are closed when the sun goes down, and are not opened again until the morning. Through the outside fence above the walk on the top of the wall are holes through which arrows might have been shot or perhaps a short-barrelled pushed through. They are not large enough for cannon, and to-day there are no soldiers keeping guard along these great military high-ways, the stones for watchmen and the support of the walls are for all and sundry.

"What's the matter?"

Scarcity of suitable firing ranges is complained of in England.

